

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image communication apparatus comprising:
means for generating a command, which controls a
communication partner, to be transmitted through a
communication line; and

means for preventing the communication partner from operating uncorrectly according to the command which is transmitted after a predetermined delay time of the communication line.

2. An image communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said preventing means includes:

means for preventing said generating means from generating another command at least within said predetermined delay time after said generating means generates the command.

3. An image communication apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

means for receiving a status according to the transmitted command from the communication partner,

wherein said preventing means prevents said generating means from generating another command until said receiving means receives the status.

4. An image communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said communication line is a public line.

5. An image communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said communication line is a wireless communication channel.

5 6. An image communication system for transmitting and receiving an image via a communication line, comprising:

 an image photographing unit capable of being controlled in response to control information sent via the communication line;

10 supply means for supplying an image signal from said image photographing unit to an image display unit so as to display an image taken by said image photographing unit;

15 designating means for designating a position on an image displayed on said image display unit; and

 control information informing means for informing, via the communication line, said image photographing unit of information for changing the photographing state of said image photographing unit, on the basis of information of the position designated by said designating means.

25 7. An image communication system according to claim 6, further comprising:

 photographing state inspecting means for inspecting the state of said image photographing unit

taking an image displayed on said image display unit,

wherein on the basis of the inspection result of
said photographing state inspecting means, said control
information informing means informs, via the

5 communication line, said image photographing unit of
information for changing a photographing direction of
said image photographing unit so as to move the
position designated by said position designating means
to a predetermined position of a display screen of said
10 image display unit.